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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5495.0001-10

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Lutz G. GUERTLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Application No.: 10/829,442 )  
) Examiner: J. Parkin  
Filed: April 22, 2004 )  
) Confirmation No.: 6321  
For: RETROVIRUS FROM THE HIV )  
GROUP AND ITS USE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants now reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2007 ("Restriction Requirement"). The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

**Group 1:** Claims 45-49, relating to an antigen comprising a peptide present in the ENV protein of MvP-5180/91; and

**Group 2:** Claims 50-53, relating to a test kit for detecting antibodies that can bind to HIV-O.

Solely to facilitate prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1, claims 45-49. Applicants make this election with traverse for the reasons set forth below.